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United Way drive sets all-time mark

Collections exceed original goal by \$300 after additional homeroom

BY DEBRA KAMIN
 Staff Reporter

By extending its collection efforts by one day, Shaker's United Way campaign collected a record-breaking \$4,000 in spite of low early returns and rumors concerning the organization's use of funds.

At the drive's kickoff assembly, student council announced a goal of \$3,700, or \$2.25 per student. At the end of the assembly, representatives collected donations as students exited.

On Monday, Nov. 23, a PA announcement was made in order to encourage students to become more generous in their donations. The announcement stated that Shaker was practically \$2,000 short of their \$3,700 goal, with only one collection day to go. Though many students were surprised and confused by the small total, the announcement was correct.

Student council member Dashi Singham, a junior, was on PA crew when the announcement was made.

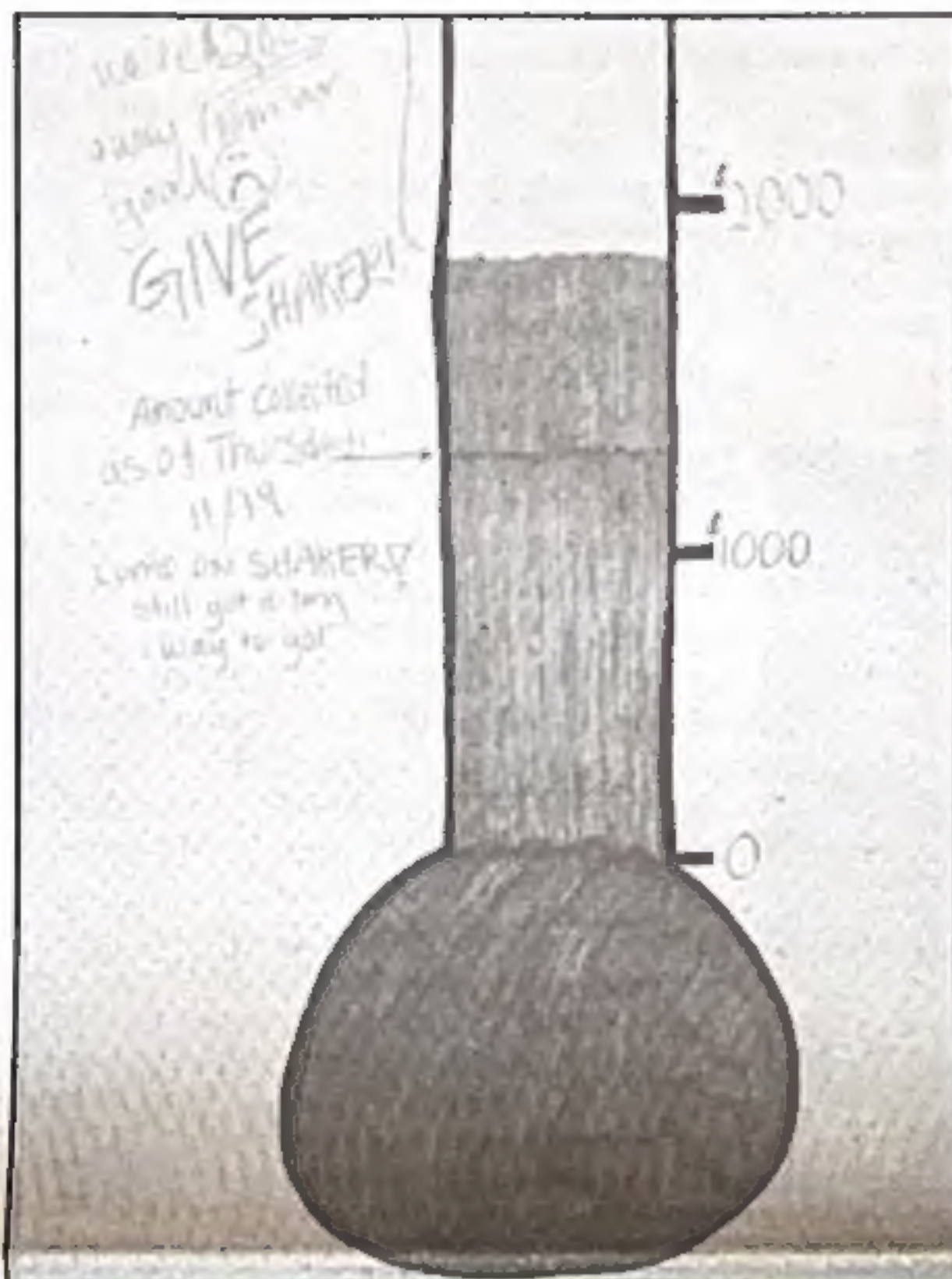
"I thought they just hadn't counted all the money," Singham said of the figure \$1,798.36 reported on Friday Nov. 20. Singham said she wondered if the figure they were given was current.

During the next collection day, \$1,648.54 was collected, practically doubling the announced amount but still short of the goal.

On Nov. 24, when the final total had been counted, only \$3,386.90 had been collected, and student council added an extra homeroom collection day in the hopes of collecting about \$350. The additional homeroom was scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 3. Through a student collection of \$476.25 and a staff contribution, Shaker collected \$4,000, the highest amount ever reached.

One difference between this year's assembly and last year's was the absence of the speech by math teacher Dennis Hogue about his experiences in growing up with aid from the United Way. John D. Addison, tenth grade assistant principal and liaison between the high school and the district United Way office, called Hogue's speech a "very powerful and passionate appeal." For this reason, Addison was not sure the recent assembly measured up to last year's.

Students had many different explanations for the difficulty in reaching the goal, ranging from lack of generosity, to forgetfulness, and even the fact that the re-



'TIS THE SEASON OF GIVING. The United Way thermometer shows that by Friday, Nov. 20, only \$1,798.36 had been collected, with just one day of scheduled collection remaining to reach the \$3,700 goal.

Shakerite Photo by Sarah Floris

ward for donations was a sticker rather than a pin. Two other reasons were other organizations were asking for money at the same time, and a rumor was spreading around school about corruption in the United Way.

The rumor may stem from the 1992 dismissal and arrest of United Way President William Aramony on the charge of embezzlement of charitable money.

Student council vice-president Margot Russo, a senior, said the rumor played a part in students' reluctance to donate \$3,700 by the designated date.

"There was a rumor that the United Way went through a scandal with the funds being intercepted. One person is in jail right now, but people think it's still going on, and it's not," Russo said.

Russo said that student council did their best to get the word out that United Way was still a very trustworthy organization, and that students simply "didn't feel at that point that they should give."

Addison made it clear that he did not want students to feel that not reaching the goal by the anticipated date caused the drive to be a failure. Last year's collection, Addison said, "was tremendous." Addison also cited specific homerooms for exceptional collection in 1997.

Although the facts of Aramony's arrest were not clear to students, students' ignorance of the organization's structure also seemed to influence their choices. Junior Courtney Harrison was angered by their advertising techniques.

"I just don't trust an organization that has such a big advertising campaign because you don't know whether the money you're giving them is for advertising or actually for a good cause," she said. "I don't even know all that much about the corruption rumor," she said. "I know one person raised his own salary, and basically I just don't trust them."

The rumors did not reach everyone. Freshman Andrew Kaplan said he hadn't heard about them and didn't question the additional day.

"People in my homeroom wanted to give," Kaplan said. "It was a good cause, and I was willing to donate."

Other students wanted answers to their questions.

"I heard rumors about it [the corruption], and it's very easy to believe because no matter what type of organization it is, 100 percent of the money can't go directly to the people," said sophomore Matt Corrigan. "Some of it has to be spent elsewhere."

Corrigan gave \$14 to the campaign but felt that action should have been taken to clear up the confusion.

"I think that they would have reached their goal and made more money if they had had a spokesperson from United Way come and talk about the problem, or even if Dr. Rumbaugh had said that the rumors weren't true," he said.

Library opens new teen center on second floor

BY MEGHAN DUBYAK
 Staff Reporter

Renovations to the second floor of the library unveiled Dec. 6 include a series of meeting rooms, a state-of-the-art computer system and a teen center for Shaker residents ages 12 and up.

The teen center has been long awaited by members of the library and teen council, the library's student advisory board. The center boasts three computers with Internet access, textbooks from the core classes for grades 7-12, reference and fiction books, board games, magazines and newspapers.

"It's great. It gives us another place to hang out instead of on the streets and getting into trouble," said freshman Khalidah Bryant, a teen council member.

"The teen center is a place where they [teens] can come and hang out and can be themselves, a safe hangout," said Jennifer Asher, the center's director.

The center also allows visitors to eat,

play music and talk quietly, perks not allowed on the library's main floor.

"It's more of a social atmosphere, and you can relax after school," sophomore council member Leah Brown said.

Most teen council members feel the center will be popular.

"A lot of teens come to the library anyway, so they'll want to come upstairs where they'll be able to talk and relax," Brown said.

"The peers, the books and the comfortable environment will draw people in," Bryant said.

"I think the center is very interesting," said junior David Thomas, who recently visited the center. "I think students should use it as much as possible to study with their friends."

A memorial housed in the teen center was commissioned and dedicated to the memory of Lisa Pruett. Pruett, who was a junior at the high school when she was killed in 1991, worked as a page at the library for a year before her death.

"It was a job she had waited for eagerly," said Gary Pruett, Lisa's father. "She loved books and the arts."

The art piece, titled "The Three Stages of Lisa's Life," was created by Elise Newman and consists of three panels resembling windowpanes. As the panels progress, the color of the bordering wood darkens, and Lisa's favorite colors depicted in the windowpanes grow deeper.

Lisa's parents said the library was an suitable place for the artwork.

"A lot of people knew Lisa at the library. It's nice to know that a lot of



PLACES TO GO. The new library teen center offers an alternative study area and gathering place.
 Shakerite photo by Jonah Schein

people will enjoy something associated with her," Pruett said.

"It's a very striking piece of art work," said Lynette Pruett, Lisa's mother. "I think the teen center is a very appropriate place to house it," she said.

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The Dec. 15 symphonic band concert was anything but ordinary. Dr. Kazadi wa Mukuna, a professor of ethnomusicology at Kent State University, directed a musical piece titled "N'Gombe." Mukuna, who is from the Democratic Republic of Congo, first introduced this song to the Kent State University African Music Ensemble in 1989.

"N'Gombe" is an all-occasion song from the Bakongo ethnic group. The Kent State University Wind Ensemble also played the tune in the Ohio Music Educational Association competition. At the request of band director Tom Deep, Mukuna came to teach the song to symphonic band.

Poets inspire confidence through Semanteme assembly, workshop

Students, teachers join in as audiences conquer nerves, realize performance is about the beauty of language

BY KAREN JENKS
Staff Reporter

Wearing a green flannel shirt and worn jeans, Ray McNiece walked out on stage, whistling casually. He tossed the slipper once in the air, then suddenly punted it into the smiling audience.

"Ready for another poetry day, guys?" he said.

At the request of the *Semanteme*, poets McNiece and Ebani Edwards held an assembly in the large auditorium to present their poetry to the entire school. Student poets and a few teachers also performed their poetry.

"We're here to introduce you to the action-packed world of poetry," said McNiece, a graduate of the Honors English program at Ohio University.

"I was so happy to see and hear the student poets," said senior Ankita Singh, *Semanteme* co-editor. "It's important for students to see their peers performing poetry."

As part of an annual poetry program, McNiece gave workshops at the high school to encourage students in creative writing. His sessions involved students and teachers alike and gave classes a quick overview of poetry and performance.

McNiece and Edwards were brought to the high school by the co-editors of *Semanteme*, the school's literary magazine. Co-editor Laura Jacqmin and Singh wanted to give students a chance to experience poetry in its modern form.

"We wanted to get people aware of the fact that *Semanteme*'s here and to encourage students to write," Singh said.

Singh and Jacqmin decided on the two poets because of their diversity and the impact that their different styles would have on the diversity of Shaker Heights.

"We tried to bring in two extremes — these two people make their living through poetry," Jacqmin said.

"They have two different styles," Singh said. "First there's their ethnicity, and then there is their style. Ebani's poems are more personal, and Ray's are broad and general. They create a good balance."

English teachers who made the sign-up deadline were able to bring their classes to the workshop sessions.

One such session taught students everything they needed to know about performance in 40 minutes. At first, the audience was dubious. When asked to describe a fuzzy yellow Tweety Bird slipper in five sentences, they were taken aback.

"We have to write about the shoe?" one student said.

However, after a short time McNiece had the audience

laughing and joking along with him. McNiece frequently called on volunteers from the audience to demonstrate principles that he was teaching. He asked a student to get on stage and demonstrate a frightened look to the audience. She couldn't stop giggling.

"We can get a little bit nervous out there [on stage]. We turn into Jell-o people," McNiece said. His advice? If you have to, "pretend to be confident."

McNiece began memorizing and reciting poetry at age seven, with the help of his grandmother. She had memorized the entire Book of Ruth from the Bible and told him stories from it every night. McNiece's father was a spotlight-seeking performer, which helped introduce McNiece to dramatic poetry.

"There was always some performing going on around the house," McNiece said.

Edwards recently starred in the movie *Slam* and is one of the best dramatic poets in Cleveland, according to McNiece. Besides being a poet, Edwards is a fraud support specialist at National City Bank and could only be at the high school for one day.

However, despite the efforts of all concerned, the reactions were mixed. During the class sessions, students said, people slept or just ignored the speaker.

"I'd love to tell you my reaction, but I just wasn't paying attention," one student said.

There were also positive reactions to the workshops.

"I learned that you can be silly and still get your point across," sophomore Deral Butler said. "You don't have to be boring to recite."

... and adding a little more

An excerpt from "The Road That Carried Me Here," by Ray McNiece

"...I'm about a quart low, head gasket ready to blow in dire need of a rear-end alignment brake shoes shot, stuck in 5th gear for over 3 years now and no runaway ramp in sight..."

She said the assembly was useful in giving kids a taste of poetry.

"I don't think that people understand the difficulty of poetry," Jacqmin said. "I don't think students are open to [poetry]. There's a preconception that poetry is not cool, it's not a thing that everybody does. People don't realize how far you can go with it."

McNiece said that writing poetry is just a way to observe life. To get material for his poetry, McNiece said he uses an old-fashioned approach.

"I like to sit in Arabica and eavesdrop on conversations," McNiece said. "You just have to listen to the music of the language."

NEWS BRIEFS

Professor visits Shaker for race relations study



Sandra Patton

National focus on Shaker continued recently as a researcher from the University of Minnesota visited the high school last month.

Dr. Sandra Patton, a professor from the Institute on Race and Poverty, came to Shaker to research race relations because of its unique student population.

"There are about 10 schools in the country that have the diversity Shaker does," Patton said.

Patton's objective was to observe students in integrated and one-race schools around the country. Her visit lasted from Nov. 30 to Dec. 4.

"[We] want to see how student interactions are different from school to school," she said.

Tarah Paige, an Ohio University student and '95 Shaker graduate, also visited Shaker Nov. 31 - Dec. 4. Paige was studying race relations for a class at OU in which she is the only African American.

-Jenny Heisler

Integration documentary aired on national television

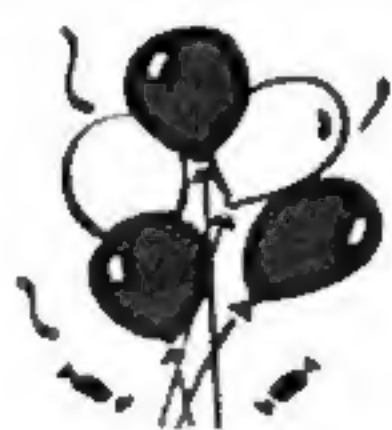
"Shaker Heights: The Struggle for Integration," a film by Stuart Math, debuted Nov. 27 on PBS. Following the film, the local PBS affiliate aired a 30-minute discussion involving *Plain Dealer* columnist Dick Feagler, Superintendent Mark Freeman, senior Landon Lockhart, Math and Grayden MacLennan, a '97 Shaker graduate who filmed some of the documentary footage.

The documentary used a 1997 *Shakerite* article, "Black and White or Shades of Gray" as a point of departure for a discussion of race relations in the community.

The documentary set out to illustrate the history and ultimate success of the community's integration challenges when controversy at the high school began. Math used footage shot at the school by MacLennan and Susan Murray, another '97 Shaker graduate.

The documentary addressed issues of integration and Shaker's solutions in the past 40 years. This included a community effort to maintain integrated neighborhoods.

-Megan Kortemeyer



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Deeper Thoughts

By Justin and Anahid

If you ever plan on jumping from or falling off the Empire State Building, hold on to your pockets and make sure you don't drop any loose change. It could kill somebody, and you wouldn't want that on your conscience.

THE RITE IDEA

Too much talent goes unrecognized

Shaker students display a variety of different talents. However, the students usually recognized are those talented in the realm of athletics. For a school so proud of its diverse programs, this iniquity is unfortunate.

Shaker glorifies the accomplishments of student athletes at the cost of disregarding other talented students.

The Scholastics Art Competition is held every year and many Shaker students participate, yet few people ever hear about it. Last year, Shaker earned first place in the Northeast Ohio region in this competition, but not many knew about it.

The *Semanteme*, Shaker's literary magazine, is published and read annually. However this year's poetry assembly was the first opportunity for many students to hear the lyrical talents of their peers.

Our chamber orchestra, comprising fewer than 50 students, does not get much attention. Two musicians in the chamber orchestra are members of the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra, which is a nationally renowned organization. A Shaker violinist was accepted into the prestigious Young Artists Program at the Cleveland Institute of Music, which comprises only 15 students from around the world.

Shaker relishes hyping up state championship-bound teams, but this cheering drowns out the noise other clubs make. It may be the thrill of competition that fuels our thirst for athletics. However, the competitive edge is alive in nonathletic activities as well. These students prepare for competition with the same intensity as any athletic team. They deserve the same respect.

Chess club, also a competitive organization, requires use of strategy and intellect. This year the members of the junior class chess team finished first in the state. A chess match offers the same drama as a soccer game, but the average student might not know about the team's success.

When clubs' accomplishments are overlooked, their quest for excellence goes unnoticed. These peers work toward a goal that better our school name and they deserve to be commended.

A variety of individuals and organizations deserve recognition, not just one team or one star player. This can be accomplished through assemblies that would enable the student body to understand yet another aspect of our diversity. When the ability to spin a verse is as readily respected as the ability to spin away from a defender, Shaker will benefit from all of its gifts.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Throughout the years after graduating from Shaker, (1973) I have continued my involvement in the schools by being active in PTO, volunteering on many levels and currently, in educational issues and activities. My activities in educational issues have continued to grow as my daughter has progressed through her years at Fernway, Woodbury and now the Middle School.

My goals for her and all children in Shaker were expressed most passionately in 1995 when I ran for a position on the School Board. I did not win a seat but I feel fortunate to have run; I received moving support, and I also prompted change.

In your article in the Nov. 25 issue, "The truth is up there" was an article of interest when I attended Shaker. I was troubled by the quote from the Latin 'teacher' regarding school board candidates who do not win. He should realize how shallow a person he is to make such a statement and should recognize that win or lose, those who put themselves in front of the voters of Shaker Heights for an opportunity to participate in the policy making level of education and tirelessly dedicate themselves to our children should not be part of a joke. Maybe the teacher should look in the mirror and take stock of himself.

-Ian W. Freiberg

Class of '73

School Board Candidate 1995

THE TOP 10

Signs it's cold and flu season in Shaker

10. Substitutes are your only teachers.

9. You dream about being a White House intern; you really are sick.

8. Biology students swab computer keyboards for bacteria labs.

7. All that Nyquil creates Jim Morrison hallucinations.

6. The odor of Vick's Vapo Rub pollutes the halls.

5. You have been blessed so many times that you are holier than the Pope.

4. Smoke smolders from your dry, chafed nose.

3. You see yourself walking toward a light.

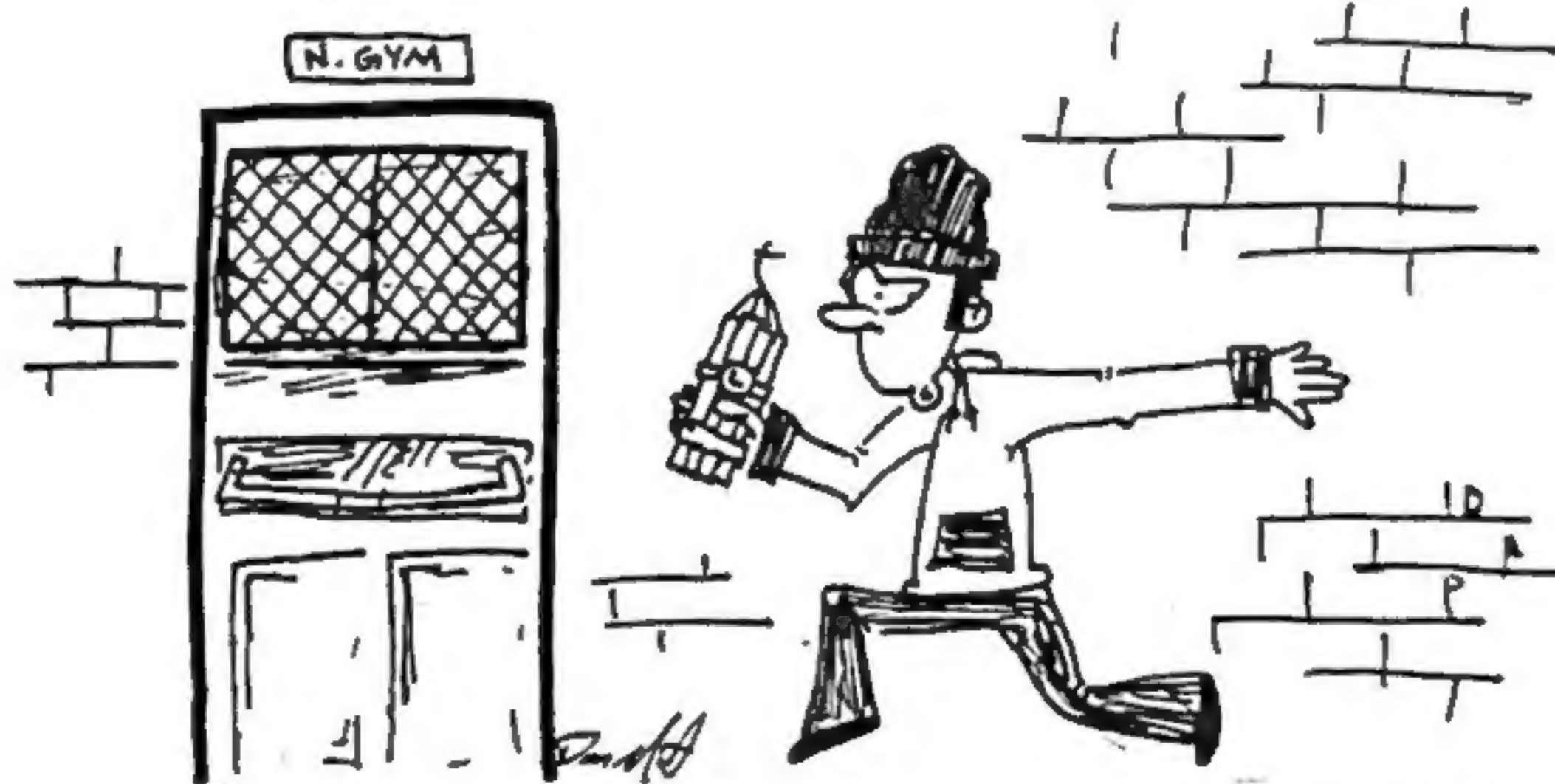
2. When you hear "Sleighbells ring, are you listening?" you hit your head and start to scream.

And the number one sign it is cold and flu season in Shaker...

1. Slawson sells "nighttime, sniffing, sneezing, coughing, aching, stuffy-head, fever, so-you-can-rest" bagels.

THE RITE ARTIST

TO STOP FURTHER PETITIONS, A PLAN WAS DEVISED TO BLOW UP THE NORTH GYM AND START FROM SCRATCH.



Shakerite artwork by Dan Moody

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HOLIDAY SHOPPERS, GET READY TO RUMBLE!

With the gift-giving season about to reach an ear-splitting crescendo, the stress of finding that perfect present looms large. Take a look at some alternative forms of shopping and other shoppers' battle strategies.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING: THE INSIDE STORY

BY JESSE GRIFFITHS
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We all know what it's like to stand in line for what seems like hours on end, waiting to do nothing but pay and trek to the next hellish retail store to do it all again. Being a customer during the hectic holiday season is anything but fun.

Shoppers often grow impatient and angry with humble clerks. They seem to forget that the holidays are no cup of egg nog for us, the retail workers, either.

In case you missed my column last month, I work in a quaint toy store located on Shaker Square. I really like my job. I'm a sucker for kids and toys. However, right around this time of the year, my dream job quickly becomes a nightmare.

Three weeks before Christmas, we institute our holiday hours — 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday. That gives you, the shopping public, an extra three hours a day to partake of our toy-land pleasure.

That gives me an extra three hours of headache.

Despite the good intentions of the public, those who have fallen prey to holiday pressure grow ever angrier and more impatient.

Imagine wrapping presents for 11 hours while mobs of shoppers hover over you as you try your hardest to wrap their gifts with holiday glitter. Every few seconds, a criticism flies your way.

Eighty percent of customers are perfectly happy with my skillful wrap job. However, there's always one customer who reaches across the counter for one more piece of tape, or worse yet, speaks in tongues while demanding a rewrap.

That just won't do. Try again.

In short, shoppers always find some way to make you feel stupid. Another sort of trial: customers in a hurry come running into the store. Very kindly, I offer to help them. In a short bark, they reply with the age and gender of the child they are shopping for. Choking down my inner rage, I happily show the wonderful impulsive buyer some ideas. By the third idea, which, like the rest, simply won't do (too expensive, not expensive enough, too ugly, too cute) I find myself wondering which would be worse — the fine for slashing the tires on this annoying customer's BMW, or continuing to help them. It's not an easy decision.

I do not blame you good-hearted, money-spending people for the insanity you cause. Nor do I blame you for my lack of patience (which is exhausted by the fifth hour of badgering by the customer). I believe that when the holidays come about, people lose all of their composure. I can't be completely put out by this holiday rush. After all, the extra three hours a day adds a certain cushy quality to my wallet. I am not asking shoppers to stop shopping or celebrating the holidays. But the next time you are overwhelmed by impatience or feel that the humble clerk is doing an inadequate job, just take a yoga-style breath and remember that when you leave the store, you get to go home. Most likely, the salespeople have to stay and help peeved people for the rest of the night. After all, they are only trying to do their job.

FROM FURBY TO FOREMAN, BUYERS FIGHT FOR GOODS

BY NATE LEVIN AND DEBRA KAMIN
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The look of sheer determination on their faces was brutal. The fierce pushing and shoving to seize the coveted item often resulted in injury. No one wanted to leave without a prize, but no one knew if he would get out alive.

It may sound like a battle for food or weapons in a time of war, but the coveted item is any one of many hot holiday gifts that are nearly impossible to get this year.

This season's hottest toy is a cute, furry robot creature named Furby. Furby is an owl-like toy that has human characteristics such as the ability to speak in two distinct languages (Furbish and English). The gimmick: consumers can actually plug Furby into the computer and have conversations with him.

"We've been getting shipments regularly of Furby. However, they sell out in hours," said Connie Dumas, a three-year employee at the Toys 'R Us on Miles Road in Solon.

Furby is not the only toy that has been causing a stir at toy stores.

"[Shoppers] are also looking for the Pokemon games for the Gameboy and Nintendo 64," Dumas said.

"Rugrats, Teletubbies and the new McDonald's Happy Meal baby are also leaving the shelves rapidly."

Retailers are scrambling to keep slightly more mature gadgets in stock as well.

"The George Foreman grill has been selling extremely well for us this holiday season," said Bill Stang, an assistant manager at the Beachwood Bed Bath and Beyond store. The George Foreman grill is a waffle iron that features a sloped grill face that allows excess fat and oils to be collected from foods. This special feature reduces the fat and cholesterol content in foods, making this item so desirable to consumers. The grill sells for \$59.99 to \$69.99.

According to Bath and Body Works, the top-selling fragrance in this time is sun-ripened raspberry, which can be found in a number of different products such as soaps and body splashes. Other popular fragrances include plumeria, juniper breeze, pearberry, freesia and country apple.

So the next time you need a last minute gift, remember that a hard to find item may not be there when you need it, but a hastily-bought gift is better than no gift at all.

THE BEST PLACE TO SHOP FOR HARLEY DAVIDSON-ROLEX WATCHES AND MORE

BY LISA SAMOLS
Centerpiece Co-editor

Welcome to the ultimate shopping experience! 'Tis the season for holiday gifts, so grab a cart and your credit card — it should be a wild ride! First stop, the outlet mall.

Typically, outlet malls are huge, concrete monstrosities overlooking interstate highways. Notable characteristics include a lone, dirty bathroom in an absolutely inaccessible location, a food court sporting a TCBY and a McDonald's, and a gaggle of huge stores in which it is almost impossible to find anything to buy.

One of the newest and biggest outlet malls in the country is Great Lakes Crossing, about an hour north of Detroit. With its 1.4 million square feet of pure shopping enjoyment, GLC features everything that a normal outlet mall has, but offers it in better condition.

To experience this phenomenon, I took a trip to Great Lakes Crossing with my family and spent four grueling hours searching out hidden controversies and scandals to enrich the lives of Shakerite readers. I didn't find any, but I did come across some other interesting things.

The outlet mall experience begins in the parking lot. Given that it's December, I expected to see a lot of cars and even more people. But with what looked like 15,000 square miles of asphalt surrounding the mall, I expected to find at least one open spot. It took 20 minutes to find a space. We tried everything. We stalked people who looked like they were leaving, we did battle with a monster mini-van for a spot approximately two miles away from the entrance (we lost), and we even considered paying \$3 for valet parking (of course there's valet parking at an outlet mall). We ended up getting a nice space barely big enough to fit my aunt's gargantuan Land Rover.

This place has every outlet store imaginable. Noteworthy shops include Glow, a store devoted to the sale of self-illuminating objects, from glow-in-the-dark trolls to glow-in-the-dark underwear; Toys International, which promotes educational female empowerment by selling University Barbie (who sports spiffy cheerleading uniforms from such schools as Washington State, Penn State and the University of Michigan); and WNBA Barbie; Jeepsers, an indoor amusement park with bumper cars and roller coasters.

HOW TO GET 200 GIFTS IN ONE SHOPPING TRIP

BY MEGAN JOHNSTON, LISA SAMOLS AND SHAILA SHAH
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Having trouble finding the right gift for that perfect someone? Do you have too many people to shop for? No problem, just drive on over to Sam's Club, your bulk-rate superstore at Broadway and I-271 south.

As you enter this elite warehouse (elite as in they take a mug shot of you, super-glue it to a small plastic card and won't let you in unless you present it to the security guard, who scrutinizes it until he notices that yes, you are the person in the picture even though you are wearing a different shirt), towering crates of unknown dimensions and merchandise loom above. Surrounded by 50-pound bags of dog food and numerous other massive selections of food items, you might be slightly overwhelmed. Not to worry, you can drown your fears in the free samples littered all over the store. There are enough samples to make a whole meal! Entrees include breaded shrimp, cocktail shrimp with sauce, Italian sausage bits and tiny cups of potato-and-ham instameal. For dessert, shoppers can enjoy cheesecake samplers (apple cobbler, chocolate swirl and plain) and bits of chocolate forest cake. There are even samples of sparkling white grape juice to wash down the meal. After spending half an hour waiting for the salesperson to turn around so you can sneak away just one more sample of Tostitos' tortilla chips, you can move on to the real shopping.

Looking around you may wonder: Will I ever have the need for a one gallon bottle of Stadium Mustard? You may say no, but the reality is that for one reason or another, someone must want four pounds of tuna. Some people may need to assuage the appetites of a handful of ravenous cats. This would explain that same person's need for the 40-pound bag of kitty litter. Besides, with four pounds of salt, who knows how much meat you could cure?

So if you're looking for a monstrous supply of a friend's favorite food item or you're just plain hungry, stop by Sam's Club and you may find what you're looking for, and plenty of it.

RECIPE FOR BULK-RATE WINTER FUN

Just how big are Sam's Club products? This chocolate chip cookie recipe uses Sam's Club-sized ingredients to show the enormity of the merchandise.

Ingredients
1 package flour (25 pounds)
1 package baking soda (10 pounds)
1 package salt (4 pounds)
3 packages butter (18 cups)
1 package sugar (12.5 pounds)
1 package vanilla (16 ounces)
1 package eggs (15 dozen)
1 package chocolate chips (10 pounds)

Directions

In an industrial-strength mixer, cream together butter and sugar. Add vanilla and eggs. In a separate wading pool, use a window screen to sift together flour, baking soda and salt. Slowly add mixture to ingredients. Use a snow shovel to stir in chocolate chips. Drop by Teflon-coated soup ladle onto well greased cookie sheets (try using Sam's Club vegetable oil — 35 pounds will grease a lot of pans). Bake at 375 degrees for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. Serves 9,000.

Communities, a home and mortgage outlet store, where shoppers can finance a second mortgage on their houses to pay for all of their purchases.

Every one of the Great Lakes Crossings Mall's 135 stores was completely packed. One woman had such a hard time getting through the crowds that she bought products from across the mall by communicating with her contact via walkie-talkie.

The food court supplied another shocking glimpse into just how many people flocked to Great Lakes Crossing. The 1,000-seat area offers a playground for small children, 20 different stands devoted to satisfying the shopper's every culinary desire, and absolutely no free tables. Getting a place to sit down and eat proved to be as much of a challenge as finding a parking spot. We ended up pouncing on the first family we saw shoveling one last forkful of food in their mouths. Apparently the stresses of finding a place to eat were just too much for some people. A built-in EMS team inconspicuously measured an overly-stressed shopper's blood pressure next to The Great Steak and Fry Co. stand.

People flock to places like this to find great deals on surplus

products in time for the holidays. But what many people find is that the prices at outlet stores are not really any better. At the dawn of the outlet mall era, these sprawling concrete complexes were advertised as the place to get brand-name products at discounted prices. This was the lure that reeled people into making hour-long trips to malls located way out in the farmlands of the state. But as outlet malls evolved, time hailed the advent of the factory store, which sports really cheap stuff with slight irregularities. People often confuse factory stores with outlet stores, in part because both types of stores are often located in the same mall. So in reality, unless you're willing to buy a sweater with a few extra sleeves, you don't get so much of a bargain.

Despite these few setbacks, outlet malls are still just lots of fun even if (especially if) you go just to observe the people and stores. But you don't have to drive four hours to Michigan to experience the wonder of outlet malls. Aurora Farms Outlet Mall is just an hour east, and it is rumored that Boston Heights may soon be home to one of these carnivals of imagined savings. So get ready. Holiday shopping fun is on the way!

The Billboard top 10 albums for the week of Dec. 12, 1998

1. Double Live Garth Brooks
2. Metallica-Garage Inc.
3. These Times are Special-Celine Dion
4. Spirit-Jewel
5. Greatest Hits-2 Pac Shakur

6. 'N Sync-'N Sync
7. #1's-Mariah Carey
8. Vol 2...Hard Knock Life-Jay-Z
9. Backstreet Boys-Backstreet Boys
10. 'N Sync-Home for Christmas

Shakerite Source: Billboard Magazine

Yo ho ho and a bottle of Dunn

Cast, crew sail Pirates of Penzance to student acclaim

BY JESSE GRIFFITHS
Feature Co-editor

The Shaker theater department performed a memorable interpretation of the humorous *Pirates of Penzance* in the large auditorium Dec. 3-5.

"It was interesting to see my classmates performing on stage. I didn't know they could sing like that," junior Ayana Hill said of the musical, staged and directed by Ned Gallaway and produced by James Thornton.

The musical was a late choice to replace *Man of La Mancha*. *Pirates* tells the story of a young man, Frederic. As a child, Frederic is apprenticed to pirates, a position to which he was assigned by virtue of his nanny's mistake. Although permitted to leave upon reaching age 21, his absence is short-lived after the pirates realize he had been born on Feb. 29 — a leap year — thus making him only 5 years old. When the pirates attempt to woo Frederic's return by laying on a guilt trip, Frederic is torn between duty toward his mates and love for his new fiancée, Mabel.

The performance was enhanced by thoughtful casting and the exceptional talent of Shaker students.

Junior Jimmy Dunn crafted an excellent performance as the honest and loyal Frederic. Senior Dan Deming cleverly portrayed a dense Pirate King, while Jeannine LaGuardia's

impressive soprano range was evident in her portrayal of Mabel. The trio headed a cast of 58 actors.

"They cast the people perfectly. No one else could play the Pirate King besides Dan D.," said senior Kellie Love, who portrayed Edith, the eldest of the Major General's daughters.

Instrumental accompaniment came from the pit orchestra, conducted by Tom Deep, while Robert Schneider served as music director.

Junior John Stephens, as the Major General, wowed the crowd with his ability to sing tongue-twisting lyrics at ridiculous speeds.

The audience was surprised and delighted by the performance.

"John Stephens' performance was spectacular. I believe that he was the only one that could have played that part," junior Adam Singeman said.

"[Stephens] was hilarious and added excitement to the play," senior Darwina Griffin said.

The timid police squad, headed by the Sergeant of Police, (junior Alex Cole), kept the audience in stitches with their kooky walk and quivering antics.

Authentic costumes and an intriguing set enhanced the performance as well. Both required substantial work by students in the stage crafting classes.

Kelly Myers designed the costumes, while auditorium manager Chuck



A SWEET EMBRACE. Junior Jimmy Dunn and senior Jeannine LaGuardia share a kiss in *Pirates of Penzance*.
Shakerite photo by Sarah Ronis

Tisdale supervised scenic and light design.

Overall, the cast found the experience to be an excellent one full of moving moments.

"It was a cathartic experience in which I made a lot of new friends," said junior Lindsay Zellmer, who portrayed one of Major General Stanley's many wards.

"It was moving for all of us. We all learned to work together to create a memorable experience," Deming said.

Scott Martin contributed to this article



WHATCHA GONNA DO WHEN THEY COME FOR YOU? Led by junior Alex Cole, the police hunt down the Pirate King.
Shakerite photo by Sarah Ronis

REVIEWS

MUSIC

Up-R.E.M.

The boys from Athens, GA, are back with a new collection of collegesque rock. R.E.M.'s new album, *Up*, is their first attempt as a trio since drummer Bill Berry left the band. The first single, "Daysleeper," is a soft and catchy song destined to become a modern rock classic. The album is filled with tunes that capture the melancholy lyrics and style that are lead singer Michael Stipe's trademark. *Up* is an all-around quality effort by a band that has helped define 1990s rock.

-Nate Levin



Out of four

Greatest Hits-Tupac Shakur

Deceased rap idol Tupac Shakur is back nevertheless with a two-disc collection of his greatest hits. The album includes the tracks "I Get Around," "Temptations" and "California Love," which have ensured Shakur's icon status since his death in 1996. Shakur's talent, rapping about real life problems, makes him stand out among the hundreds of other rappers that are performing today. This album is a tribute to a man who changed the rap world through song.

-Rob Rains



Out of four

MOVIES

Enemy of the State

Enemy of the State, starring Will Smith and Gene Hackman, is a fast-paced thriller bringing to life the National Security Association's plot to enter the homes of every American.

The movie takes many twists and turns, but the central plot is coherent. It unites the lives of three unrelated men in a story of government officials gone awry. Smith plays a wealthy lawyer who ends up holding the bag in more ways than one. Hackman plays a former conspirator turned renegade who helps Smith out of his predicament.

This movie, although entertaining and action packed, has very little to save it from being a generic *Sneakers*, *X-Files*, *J.F.K.*, *Conspiracy Theory* remake.

-Najah Farley



Out of four

Psycho

Psycho was at one time a classic horror flick. However, director Gus Van Sant has found a way to turn an on-edge thriller into your typical hyped-out film. The story revolves around a stolen \$400,000 and leads Marion Crane (Anne Heche) to abscond with the money in order start a new life with her boyfriend. On her way out of town, she grows weary and pulls off the road to stay the night in the Bates Motel, where she may not escape with her life. The rest is revisionist history. This movie was a shot-by-shot remake of the Hitchcock classic, but the thrill and tension present in the original simply don't exist in the remake.

-Jesse Griffiths



Out of four

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Less Than Jake

Dec. 18, The Agora

Wish You Were Here

Dec. 19, The Odeon

Goosebumps

Dec. 22-27, Music Hall

Ekoostik Hookah

Dec. 26, The Odeon

Sesame Street Live

Dec. 26-28,
Canton Civic Center

The Globetrotters

Dec. 28, Gund Arena

Michael Stanley

Dec. 31, The Odeon

WWF

Jan. 30, Gund Arena

Kirk Franklin and the Family

Feb. 5, Cleveland State University

Stars on Ice

Feb. 5, Gund Arena

Black Sabbath w/ Pantera and the Deftones

Feb. 12, Gund Arena

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Swimmers swim on. Both the men and women took first place in last Saturday's Solon Relays.

Wrestlers pin opponents. The team won first at the West Geauga tournament last Saturday.

Rivalry showdown produces one win and two losses

BY NAJAH FARLEY AND JENNY HEISLER
Co-editor in chief and News Co-editor

As Shaker entered one of the biggest weekends of the season, dreams of victory danced in their heads. The women's and men's basketball teams took the court, and the hockey team took the ice. A day-by-day account of rivalry weekend follows.

Friday 6 p.m. Women's hoops bow to Tigers

The women's basketball team kicked off rivalry weekend with a 64-51 loss to the Cleveland Heights Tigers. Both teams came out playing hard. It was a one-point contest at the end of one quarter, with Heights leading 13-12. The Raiders rallied late in the second quarter to pull within four at 24-20 by halftime.

However, it all went down hill from there. In addition to a third quarter injury to guard Stephanie Decatur, numerous turnovers and missed shot attempts put the Raiders behind 42-32.

The Tigers continued their romp, penetrating Shaker's pressure and scoring easily. The Raider's rebounding and foul shot efforts fell short of the mark. The Tigers' senior forward Lachelle Crawl contributed to the Raiders' demise with 18 points, mostly off low post moves.

Head Coach Susan Brown was disappointed.

"The team was totally intimidated. I'm extremely disappointed. The only one who came to play was Tracy Jacobs. Everyone else was totally frightened," Brown said.

Jacobs had a game-high 18 points followed by freshman forward Kendra Agee with 13 points and junior guard Christyn Paige with 11 points.

Junior forward Erin Pope was also dismayed by the Raider defeat.

"I don't think we were intimidated. I think people just weren't playing their game. I could have performed better and the whole team could have performed better. We're the better team, but I think we played down to their level," she said.

Friday 7 p.m. Hockey falls one goal short

Oh, what a night to be a Raider fan!

"I am so ready for this," sophomore Jacob Terry said of the pre-game hype.

There were 1,100 in attendance at Thornton Park to see Shaker take on the University School Preppers.

"Players always look forward to this game," Shaker coach Mike Bartley said.

Shaker entered the game looking rough, tough and quick on their skates, but US's secret could be summed up in one word: big. They had big guys, powerful guys, fast guys, one great goalie and skills that just edged out

the Raiders. US left the ice victorious, 3-2.

US's first breakthrough came from Paul Marshall. Their lead didn't last for long, however, as senior Abe Kinkopf knocked one by Prepper goalie Derek Classon with 19 seconds left in the period. The teams cleared the ice after the first period tied 1-1.

Raider fans had signs, streamers, face paint and energy, causing police to calm the crowd and look for any profanity on the anti-US signs.

Nevertheless, US again scored first. Senior captain Dave Neundorfer put one past Shaker goalie Scott Graham. But sophomore wing Carson Strang evened the score a second time less than two minutes later with assists by Joe Simon and Rashaun Ewing.

"I think that got us real pumped," Strang said.

Again US scored. Brian Stratman put one in, scoring what turned out to be the winning goal.

The third period was an all-out battle. Every time Shaker got the puck, it seemed that they weren't going to give it away until they scored. But in the end Classon had 28 saves, and Graham finished with 13.

"We lost to a good team," Perrin said. "It was different coming in this year because the teams were way equal. We had to play hard."

"We played well throughout the game," Bartley said. "I told [the team] that there's a lot more hockey to be played this year. One game does not make or break the season. I think they understood that."

At the Thornton Park Holiday Tournament this weekend, the Raiders may see the Preppers again.

Saturday 1:30 p.m. Men's basketball wins

Raider men's basketball salvaged the weekend with a 80-55 victory over Cleveland Heights at the Cleveland State University Convocation Center. It was Shaker's soundest defeat of the Tigers in 10 years.

"Everybody played well," sophomore Jameson Evans said. "It's good that we beat them because they were contenders for the Lake division championship."

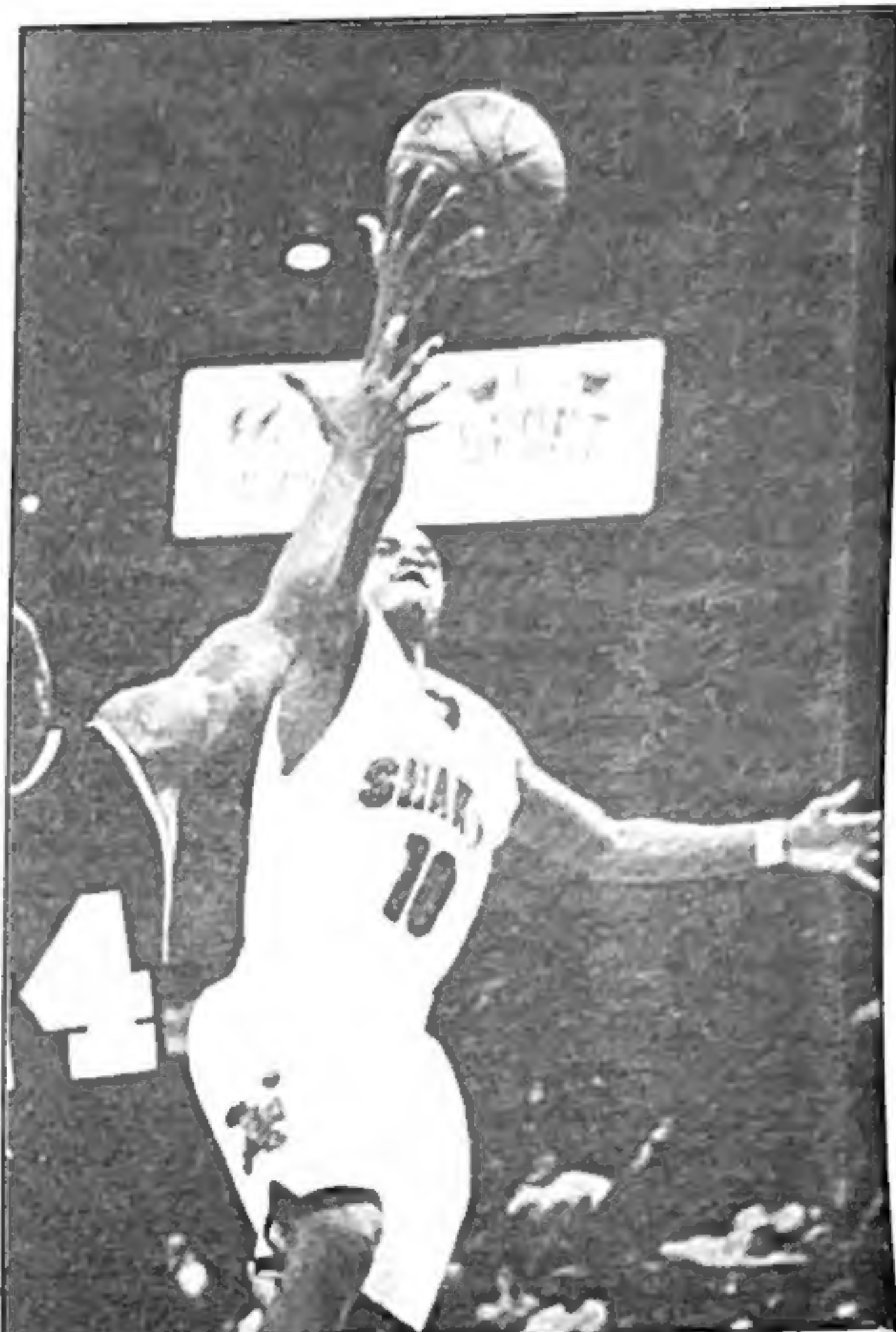
Both teams came out jittery and excited, but the Raiders took control of the game. The first quarter ended 15-7, and the Tigers never came any closer.

The Raiders capitalized on several aspects of the game to keep the Tigers at bay from the outset.

"Defense, offensive rebounding and our transition game were the three keys to coming up victors," Head Coach Bob Wonson said.

Senior Michael Tucker had a game-high 18 points, followed by senior Cincinnati Western Hills transfer Sidney Williams with 16 points and more than one thunderous dunk. Senior Tyson Barnes, a transfer from Elyria, had 14.

"I could tell there was a rivalry because of the way the audience reacted to every basket and the dunks and the



AIR FINLEY. Senior guard Todd Finley shoots a layup for two of his 10 points in the Shaker defeat of Heights. Shakerite photo by Adam Moore.

packed audience," Williams said. "Also, the players told me that the biggest game of the season was against Cleveland Heights, and the coach had us watch films of the games."

Wonson said Raider fans who made the trip contributed to the win.

"The great crowd support made a difference in the outcome of the game," he said.

Another tough test of Shaker's basketball prowess comes tonight when the Raiders travel to Euclid to take on the undefeated Panthers.

"We'll be playing a big game on Friday night against Euclid, which will set up for the Lake division championship which is between Shaker, Euclid and Cleveland Heights," Wonson said.

FALL RAIDER ROUND-UP

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

- Overall Record: 12-10
- All League Selection: Tracy Jacobs
- All League Honorable Mention: Tracy Jacobs

MEN'S SOCCER

- Overall Record: 15-2-2
- Placed third in the LEL
- All League Selections: Josiah Quarles and Greg Rawson
- All Greater Cleveland Selections: Josiah Quarles

WOMEN'S SOCCER

- Overall Record: 7-7-2
- LEL record: 5-1-1
- Placed third in the LEL
- All League Selections: Jenny Heisler, Amy Gross and Jessica Blanton

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

- Overall Record: 18-9
- LEL record: 17-9
- All League Selections: Stephen Courtright and David Thompson

FOOTBALL

- Overall record: 10-1
- LEL Champions: 10-0
- All League Selections: Donnell Boyer, Adrien Clarke, Tom Fallon, John Manly, Darius Peterson, Tim Reese and Derrick Tatum
- Most Valuable Player of the League: Derrick Tatum
- Plain Dealer Player of the Week: Derrick Tatum
- Plain Dealer All Cuyahoga County: Derrick Tatum (MVP), Adrien Clarke, Tim Reese and John Manly
- Sun Newspapers All Stars: Derrick Tatum, Adrien Clarke, Tim Reese and Brian Barnes
- Sun Press Student Athlete of the Week: Brian Curtin
- TV-8 Athlete of the Week: Derrick Tatum
- Fox-8 Sports Insider of the Week: Derrick Tatum
- Scholastic Coach Magazine Pre-Season All American: Adrien Clarke
- Cleveland Touchdown Club Award: Derrick Tatum

GOLF

- Overall Record: 12-14
- LEL record: 10-10

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

- Overall record: 7-7
- All League Selection: Lauren Richard

TENNIS

- Overall Record: 16-6
- LEL Champions: 8-0
- All League Sections: Cheryl Blackwell, Dashi Singham, Traci Williams, Lauren Gibbons, Sarah Morgenstern, Kim Lyons and Liz Swary
- Sectional Champions in First Doubles
- Placed fifth in Districts and qualified for the State Tournament

FIELD HOCKEY

- Overall Record: 5-6-3
- Plain Dealer Player of the Week: Dawn Huckelbridge
- Plain Dealer All Scholastic Player: Dawn Huckelbridge
- All League Selection: Dawn Huckelbridge and Kira Muehrcke

RAIDER WRAP UP

MEN'S BASKETBALL

3-0

- at Euclid Dec. 18 at 6p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

2-2

- at Euclid Dec. 19 at 6p.m.

ICE HOCKEY

2-1

- Thornton Park Tour. Dec. 17-20

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

2-1

- at Lakewood Dec. 19 at 7p.m.

MEN'S SWIMMING

3-0

- at Lakewood Dec. 19 at 7p.m.

WRESTLING

5-3

- Richmond Hts. Tour. at 4p.m.

-Information compiled by
Nikkie Majorczyk

Thrashers, boarders, bladers take it to the extreme

BY RICH RUND
Staff Reporter

Marketing agencies have finally named the sports that Shaker kids grew up with. From skateboarding to snowboarding, athletes have taken things to the extreme.

"We get criticized and yelled at by store owners and police a lot," sophomore skater Scott Green said. Many in-line skaters get involved in the sport like skateboarders do.

In-line skaters face similar problems to those of skateboarders.

Many people know about skateboarding from the popular Nintendo game, "California Games." Other than that, as far as many are concerned skateboarding went out with all the other horrible things that came from the '80s, but slowly, like RunDMC and the Clash, skateboarding has made a comeback.

At Shaker the sport is dominated by the freshmen population.

"Freshmen skateboard because skateboard companies pushed when we were in junior high," freshman skateboarder Rob Rains said. "There are also a lot of skateboarders in the grade below mine."

Another reason almost no upperclassmen skateboard is because skateboarding

has only recently become a popular growing sport. While freshmen were at an impressionable age in 1995 the first X-Games took place on ESPN. Freshman watched, and then the snowball effect began and many people jumped on the band wagon. Now many people enjoy the popular 80s pastime.

Skaters are subject to negative stereotypes. "When we have skateboards, people think we're selling drugs or going to steal something," freshman Dan Schork said. Part of the reason for this is general skateboarding gear. "I like to wear loose clothes so I can move and be comfortable when I'm skating," Schork said.

What happens to extreme sports in the winter? The answer: snowboarding. Snowboarding is a steadily growing fad on the slopes. The reason for this growth is quite natural. "It's way more fun," said sophomore Dustin Goldstein, who has been boarding since he was 8.

Other contributions to the growth of snowboarding are the winter X-Games and the addition of snowboarding to the Olympics.

Although local venues Brandywine and Boston Mills accept snowboarding, Shaker students enjoy traveling out of state to seek the ultimate mountain to board on. "I travel to New York and Colo-



HANG TIME. Freshman Dan Schork skateboards on equipment that he created for his back yard.

Shakerite photo courtesy of Dan Schork

rado to board," junior Marty Callabrese said. "The local places are little and low quality."

Like skaters, boarders have to deal with negative stereotypes. One such typecast is due to the first Olympic gold

medalist in snowboarding, Ross Rebagliati. Rebagliati was caught with marijuana in his bloodstream after he won the gold medal.

"I hope that didn't give us a bad name," Goldstein said.

Like mother, like daughter: Jacobs rules the court

BY NIKKIE MAJORCZYK
Sports Editor

"Tracy, get the ball down under so you can go to work, girl! Go to work!"

Overheard at the Shaker-Cleveland Heights women's basketball game last Friday, these urgent directions came not from a teammate, but from Tracy Jacobs' mother, who shares both a name and a passion for athletics with her daughter, a three-sport varsity standout and, believe it or not, a sophomore.

The mother of one of Shaker's finest basketball players has helped her daughter follow in her footsteps. From their like names to the sports they play, the Jacobs women have much in common.

As a freshman, Jacobs found a home on the varsity volleyball, basketball and track teams. She contributed in all three sports and was named LEL basketball MVP.

Jacobs' mother introduced her to volleyball in the fifth grade. The elder Jacobs was a strong athlete as well, playing varsity volleyball and basketball in high school and college.

"I pushed her basically to compete. Also, it's a good stress reliever," Jacobs' mother said.

In the beginning, the younger Jacobs was not as dedicated to sports as her mother would have liked.

"I didn't really care about it [volleyball] that much. I

just did it because it was fun," the younger Jacobs said.

With the encouragement of her mother, Jacobs was able to grasp a true love for athletics.

"She told me just to take one day at a time, and that's what I did," Jacobs said.

Aside from the Shaker team, Jacobs also plays on the Junior Olympic squad. She was selected as an outside hitter, which Jacobs feels is her strongest point. The Junior Olympic team is a four month program where the top high school girls meet and play also plays for LEVA, an elite volleyball team of girls from Northeastern Ohio.

During the winter, Jacobs dedicates her time to basketball. She has spent the past two years as a forward on the varsity court.

Last season she averaged 15 points, three steals and 10 rebounds per game while shooting 68 percent from the line.

"As far as a player goes, she is a full package. She can



SUPER SOPH. Tracy Jacobs focuses on being her best.

Shakerite photo by Sarah Loney

score, she can rebound. She is a tremendous player," said Head Coach Susan Brown.

"Tracy has great strength and speed. She has the intensity that every coach looks for."

Jacobs continues her athletic life by running track. She runs the 300 meter and 100 meter hurdles and throws the shot-put.

She lettered in all three sports as a freshman and also netted an honorable mention in the LEL 1998-99 volleyball all-league vote.

According to the younger Jacobs, her mother is always on her side, regardless what choices she makes.

"I think it's very important for any parent to support their child as long as it's positive. I support her 100 percent," Jacobs' mother said.

The sophomore said she hasn't given much thought to her options beyond high school.

"I haven't thought about what school I want to attend yet. I do want to play sports in college for sure," Jacobs said.

RAIDERS OF THE MONTH



Shakerite photo by Aaron Viny

James Blanton

Sport: Wrestling

Year: '99

Achievement: A fourth-year grappler for the Raiders, Blanton is 6-0 on the season. He is ranked in the top 30 in the state and is a hopeful for the state tournament in the 171lb class.

Coach's Comment: "James is a hard-core wrestler. He's the essence of complete commitment. His dedication sets an example for the team."
— Hank Kornblunt

Favorite Sports Memory: "Last year I beat the runner-up in the Brecksville tournament. Since I beat him, it earned me a selection to the all-LEL team."

Future Plans: Blanton desires to wrestle for Howard University on a full scholarship.



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Christyn Paige

Sport: Women's Basketball

Year: '00

Achievement: The starting point guard for the 2-2 Raiders, Paige has hit for 16 points and five assists against Laurel, while torching Perry High for 23 points.

Coach's Comment: "Christyn worked extremely hard this off-season. Her skills have improved greatly, and her hard work is paying dividends."
— Susan Brown

Favorite Sports Memory: "I was at the game where the Bulls played the Cavs in the 1987 conference finals. I remember watching Michael Jordan hit 'The Shot.' It devastated me, but it was still a great shot."

Future Plans: Paige is not sure where she wants to go to college, but is set on playing basketball, and seeking a scholarship.

— Information compiled by Danny George



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